

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7-10, 21, 22, 24-28, 32-35, 88 and 90-94 are pending. Applicants propose amendment of claims 1, 27, 28, and 90, cancellation of claims 12, 29, 40, 65-69, 78, 86 and 89 without prejudice or disclaimer, and the addition of new claims 91-94. Entry of the amendments after final rejection does not raise new issues for the following reasons.

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the features of allowable claim 12. Claims 27 and 28 are rewritten as independent claims, and were indicated to be allowable. New claims 91-94 substantially correspond to original claims 2, 6, 20 and 23.


Accordingly, entry of the above amendments renders the outstanding rejections of the claims moot.

For at least the above reasons, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner deem that any further action by Applicants would be desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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